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Other advances involving nanoscale materials include the first demonstration (with Allied Signal Corporation and later Honeywell) of single wall carbon nanotube actuators. Polymer nanospheres have been used to demonstrate high-density erasable optical memories and nanoscale chemical reactors crucial for improving the efficiency of fuel cells. Polymer microsphres have also been used as templates for chemical synthesis and such chemical machining has been used to achieve visible wavelength photonic bandgap materials. Advances have been made in the fabricating of phase-separating block copolymers. Inorganic/organic nanocomposites have been used to fabricate high-density optical memories (including holographic and two-photon memories), organic lasers, and sensor protection materials.

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Electronic isolation achievable with dendrimer structures has also been used to eliminate self- and ligand-quenching of rare earth ion luminescence (light emission), which currently limits the efficiency of fiber optical amplifiers (key elements in the long distance transmission of information). The oscillator strength (intensity of light emission or effectiveness of light amplification) of rare earth ions has been increased by the use of "asymmetric" dendrimers. Light harvesting dendrimers, mimicking the photosynthetic reaction center of green plants, have been prepared that exhibit very efficient harvesting of light over the ultraviolet, visible, and near infrared spectral regions. Such dendrimers have potential applications ranging from photovoltaic cells to fiber optical amplifiers that do not require laser pumping. Light harvesting solar cell coatings, based on new dendrimer materials, have been transitioned to AFRL-Kirtland AFB for evaluation with silicon and GaAS solar cells.

Dendrimers containing variable redox state metal ion cores have been prepared and permit the fabrication of ultrahigh density electronic memories. Although the critical issue of addressing these nanometer scale (trillionth of a meter) memory elements remains to be solved, the fundamental limit on memory size (defined by electron exchange between adjacent memory elements) has been precisely defined. Significant advances have also been realized in AFM nanolithography.

Dendrimer structures have been used not only to spatially direct energy transfer (as in light harvesting dendrimers) but also to direct charge transport. One consequence has been the

development of improved organic light emitting diodes. While organic light emitting diode technology is still in the development stage, this technology may ultimately impact the billion-dollar displays industry.

Record two photon absorption coefficients have been obtained using multi-chromophore dendrimer materials. Finally, control of electronic interactions in dendrimer materials has permitted observation of phenomena such as two-photon lasing, which is not observable in bulk materials. The scientific basis of this exciting observation is now well understood and relates to increasing the lifetime of excited states.

In addition, to pioneering the development of dendrimers for electronic and optical applications, researchers supported by the DoD MURI on Materials & Processing at the Nanometer Scale have realized a number of other noteworthy accomplishments. These include the first demonstration (with Allied Signal Corporation and later Honeywell) of single wall carbon nanotube actuators. These actuators, which are very thermally and mechanically robust, may have applications as nano and mesoscale machines capable of function in the most extreme environments. Optical switching has been demonstrated using these actuators. Polymer nanospheres have been used to demonstrate high-density erasable optical memories (US Patent 5759447 A 980602) and nanoscale chemical reactors crucial for improving the efficiency of fuel cells. Indeed, considerable progress has been made in this MURI on improving the efficiency of a variety of fuel cells. One of the MURI participants, 1994 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Professor George Olah speaks on the importance of fuel cell technology in the May 24, 1999 issue (page 33) of Chemical & Engineering News. Olah has proposed that a methanol fuel cell under development could be used to improve the efficiency of power plants and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions as well as exploiting the utilization of solar energy. Polymer microsphres have also been used as templates for chemical synthesis and such chemical machining has been used to achieve visible wavelength photonic bandgap materials (Professor Younan Xie's pioneering work on photonic bandgap materials was featured on the cover of Advanced Materials (Adv. Mater., vol. 11, pages 2462-2466, 1999)). Dramatic advances have been made in the fabricating of phase-separating block copolymers. For the first time, such materials have been engineered to demonstrate a variety of electronic and optical functions much as described above for dendrimers. Significant advances have been made in the area of inorganic/organic nanocomposites and new materials have been used to fabricate high-density optical memories (including holographic and two-photon memories), organic lasers, and sensor protection materials. Substantial progress has been made in understanding intermolecular interactions that govern the assembly and organization of molecules into supramolecular structures. Progress has been made in developing external field processing methods for the realization of nanoscale architectures that cannot be achieved by molecular self-assembly.

The research of this center has received substantial acclaim in the scientific community. All but one of the investigators of this center have received major American Chemical Society awards since the establishment of the Center. Frechet has recently been elected to both the National Academy of Sciences USA and the National Academy of Engineering USA bringing the number of Academy members to three.

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Nanoscale dendrimer and block copolymer materials have been synthesized in an effort to obtain electro-optic materials with dramatically improved properties [4,5,16,32,35,35,38-41,47,51,55,59,66,70]. In the case of dendrimers, this strategy of exploiting nanoscale

architectural engineering has worked very well with state-of-the-art electro-optic activities realized [66]. Indeed, electro-optic activity that is achieved with a given chromophore has been increased by a factor of two relative to that same chromophore incorporated into a polymer lattice. Moreover, the thermal and photochemical stability of electro-optic activity has been increased significantly. Also, dendrimers exhibit better solubility in traditional spin casting solvents and the control of molecular weight that is available with the dendritic synthesis approach permits better control of the viscosity of spin casting solutions. Chromophore-containing dendrimers are more easily incorporated into photonic bandgap lattices permitting the ready fabrication of devices appropriate for active wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) applications. The exploitation of dendritic electro-optic materials appears to be an important paradigm shift permitting the next level of performance to be achieved for this important class of materials. Interesting results have also been obtained for phase-separating block copolymer materials [4,5,24,32,35,38-41]; however, the inability to anneal microdomain structures currently limits the utility of such materials.

Significant progress has also been achieved in the synthesis, modification, processing, and device application of single wall carbon nanotube materials [69,unpublished—manuscript in preparation for submission to Science]. Actuators have been fabricated from these materials and optical switching has been demonstrated [unpublished results—present at SPIE]. Nanoscale fullerenes have also been investigated including for potential applications for sensor protection and optical switching [1,15,19,57]. Feasibility for all-optical signal processing at the telecommunications wavelength of 1.55 microns has been demonstrated [unpublished results—presented at SPIE]. The two-photon absorption coefficients of other materials, provide by AFRL-Wright Patterson, have also been characterized [8].

Nanostructured solar cell coatings and sensor materials have been developed and have been transitioned to AFRL-Kirtland and to Boeing [unpublished results—a number of manuscripts are currently in press]. Solar cell coatings are under continuing evaluation at AFRL-Kirtland but initial results are very promising. New sensor materials are already been commercially utilized by Boeing for the evaluation of the aerodynamics of airframes in wind tunnel testing. New organic light emitting diode (OLED) materials have also been prepared leading to state of the art efficiencies.

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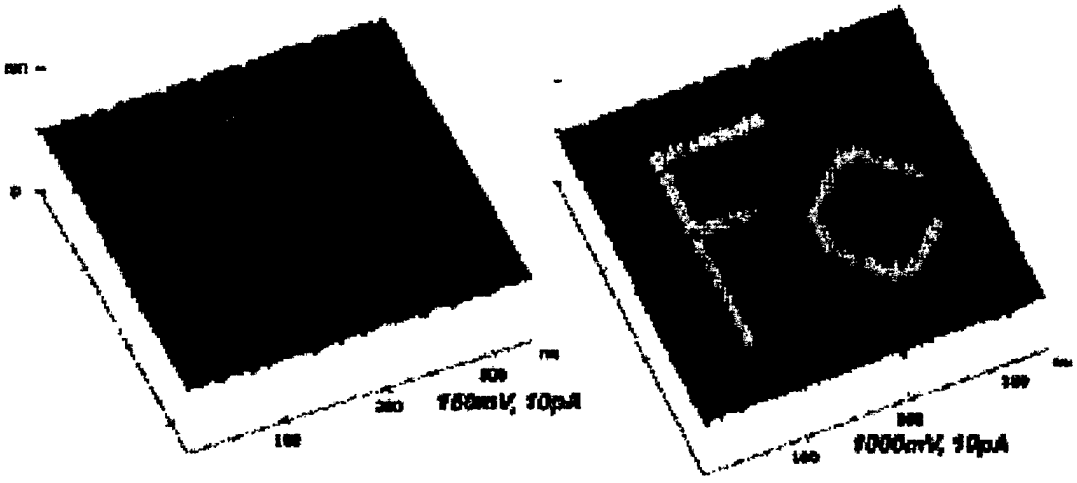
Final Research report of results obtained under AFOSR-MURI, Professor Christopher Gorman

Thirteen major publications were obtained under the MURI support. The work accomplished allowed us to accomplish the two major goals stated in the MURI proposal:

1. Illustrate how redox-active core dendrimers could be used in electronic encapsulation
2. Illustrate how probe-lithography on self-assembled monolayers could be used to prepare prototype molecular electronics devices.

More specific details of the work are given below:

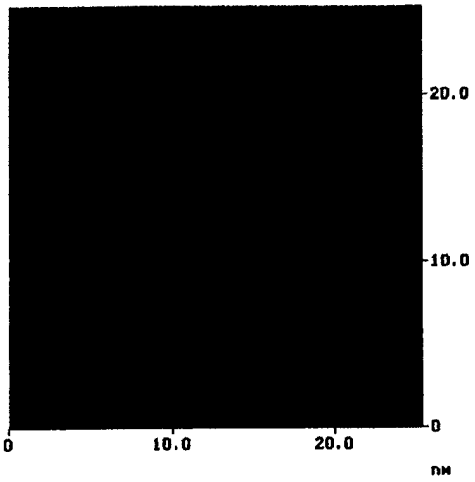
13. "Negative Differential Resistance in Patterned, Electroactive Self-Assembled Monolayers", Gorman, C. B.; Carroll, R. L.; Fuierer R., *Langmuir*, Accepted. – **Work will be featured on the 31 October 2001 cover of *Langmuir***



Abstract: The phenomenon of negative differential resistance (NDR) is potentially very useful in molecular electronics device schemes. In this work, we show for the first time that NDR can be observed in self-assembled monolayers composed of electroactive thiols on gold. Furthermore, these monolayers can be patterned using a scanning probe lithography technique described earlier to form a basis for potential molecular electronic device construction.

12. "The Influence of Head Group on the Structure of Self-Assembled Monolayers as Viewed by Scanning Tunneling Microscopy", Gorman, C. B.; He, Y.; Carroll, R. L., *Langmuir*, Accepted.

Abstract: Molecular resolution scanning tunneling microscopy images are shown of alkanethiol self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) containing alkene, cyano and carboxylic acid head groups. The alkene-terminated thiolate SAM displayed lattice structure indistinguishable from those of methyl-terminated thiol. The cyano-terminated thiolate SAM showed hexagonal, square and double row lattice structures, indicative of polymorphism and/or multiple chemical species on the surface. The carboxylic acid-terminated thiolate SAM showed a double row lattice structure very similar to that of the cyano-terminated thiolate SAM suggesting that perhaps the cyano groups had undergone hydrolysis to amide and/or carboxylic acid groups. This hypothesis was supported by the results of friction-force microscopy experiment on micro-contact printed patterns of these molecules.



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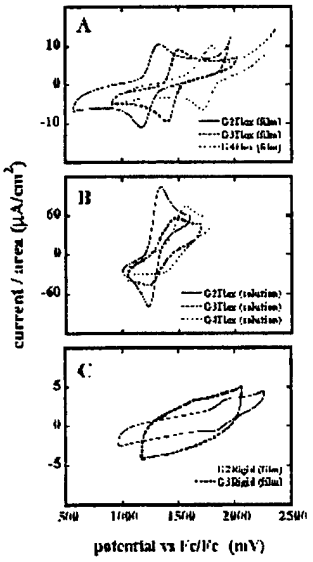
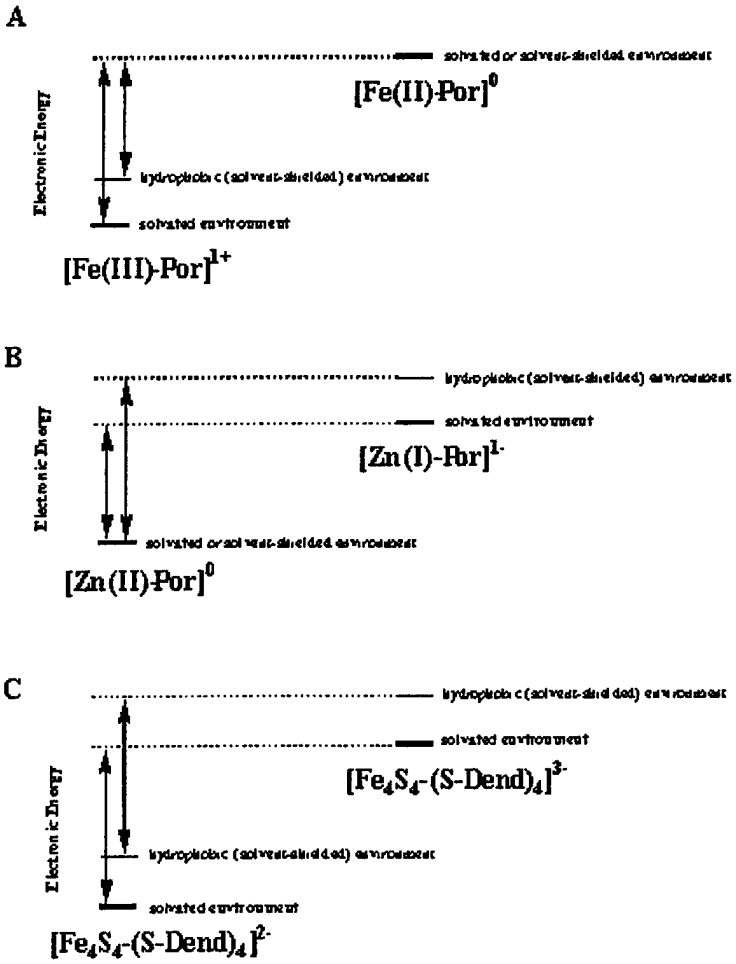
Abstract: Films of iron-sulfur cluster core dendrimers of varying generations displayed very different redox potentials (and thus thermodynamics of electron transfer) yet very similar electron transfer kinetics. This behavior is in sharp contrast to their electrochemical response in solution where the opposite trends were observed. This behavior is rationalized if the dendrimers provide an increasingly hydrophobic microenvironment with greater generation, thus influencing the redox potential yet the iron-sulfur redox units are sufficiently mobile within the dendrimer so that the effective unit-to-unit distance for electron transfer is not influenced much by generation.

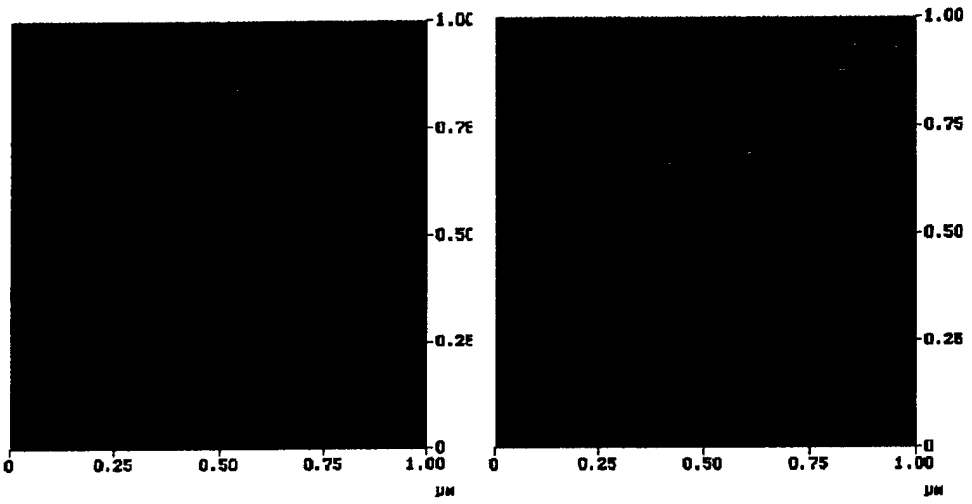


10. "Structure-Property Relationships in Dendritic Encapsulation", Gorman, C. B.; Smith, J. C., *Acc. Chem. Res.*, **2001**, *34(1)*, 60-71.

Abstract: Several molecular structure-property relationships are presented and compared to illustrate our current understanding of macromolecular encapsulation using dendrimers. Specifically, the effect that dendrimer architectures have on encapsulating photoactive and redox active units fixed at the molecular core is considered.



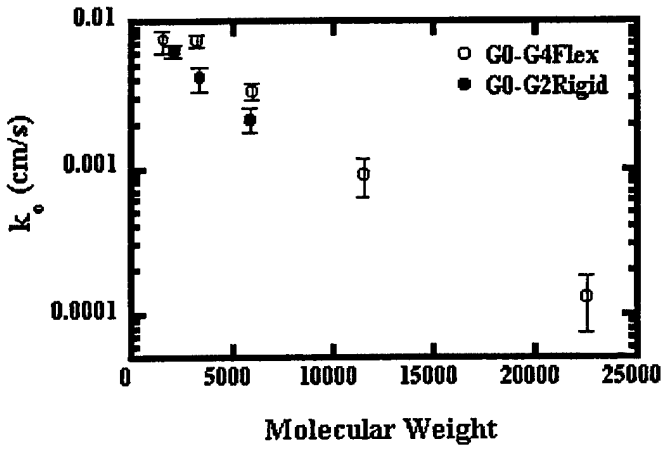
9. "Chemically Well-Defined Lithography using Self-Assembled Monolayers and Scanning Tunneling Microscopy in Non-Polar Organothiol Solutions", Gorman, C. B.; Carroll, R. L.; He, Y.; Tian, F.; Fuierer, R., *Langmuir*; **2000**; *16*(15); 6312-6316.



Abstract: A method of chemically well-defined, scanning tunneling microscope-based lithography is presented in which one thiolate in a self-assembled monolayer is removed and replaced with a second thiol. This method is distinguishable from other lithographic replacement processes on SAMs in that a nonpolar solution and an uncoated tip can be employed. Elevated relative humidity was important in the facility of this process, suggesting an electrochemical mechanism for replacement. The resolution of features written with this process is ca. 10-15 nm. In nonpolar solution, the apparent height differences between decanethiolate and dodecanethiolate self-assembled monolayers is reversed compared to images obtained in air. By exchanging the thiol solution after the first replacement, writing with two different thiols was demonstrated.

8. "Molecular Structure-Property Relationships for Electron Transfer Rate Attenuation in Redox-Active Core Dendrimers", Gorman, C. B.; Smith, J. C.; Hager, M. W.; Parkhurst, B. L.; Sierzputowska-Gracz, H.; Haney, C. A., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1999**, *121(43)*, 9958-9966.

Abstract: Two series of redox-active, iron-sulfur core dendrimers of the general structure $(nBu_4N)_2[Fe_4S_4(S\text{-Dend})_4]$ (Dend = dendrons of generations 1 through 4) were prepared. Heterogeneous electron transfer rate constants indicated that the rigid series of dendrimers were more effective at attenuating the rate of electron transfer than were the flexible series of dendrimers. These results were rationalized using computationally-derived models which indicated an offset and mobile iron-sulfur core in the flexible series of molecules and a more central and relatively immobile iron-sulfur core in the rigid series of molecules. Further consideration of these data indicated that, while the dendrimers containing rigid ligands had better encapsulated redox cores for a given molecular weight, these molecules had higher electron transfer rates for a given molecular radius.



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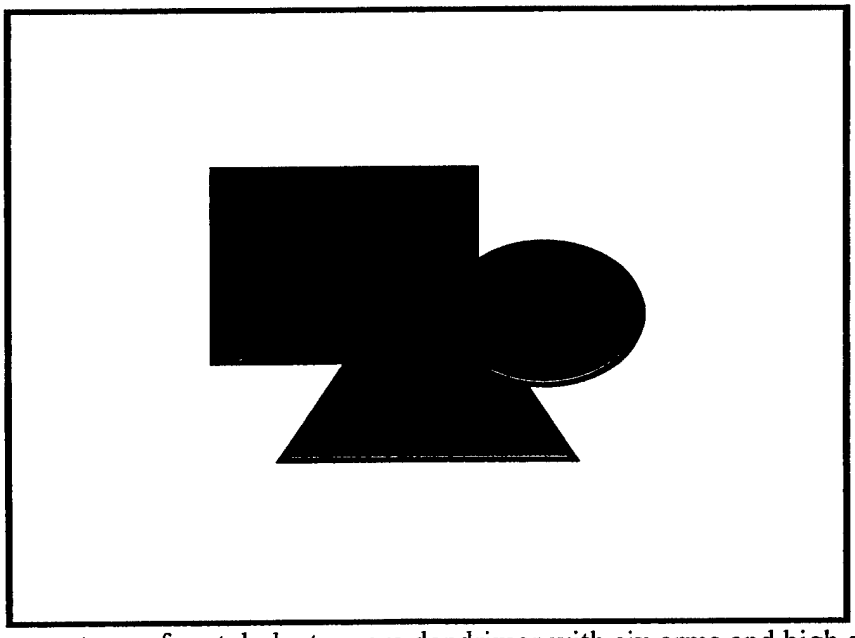
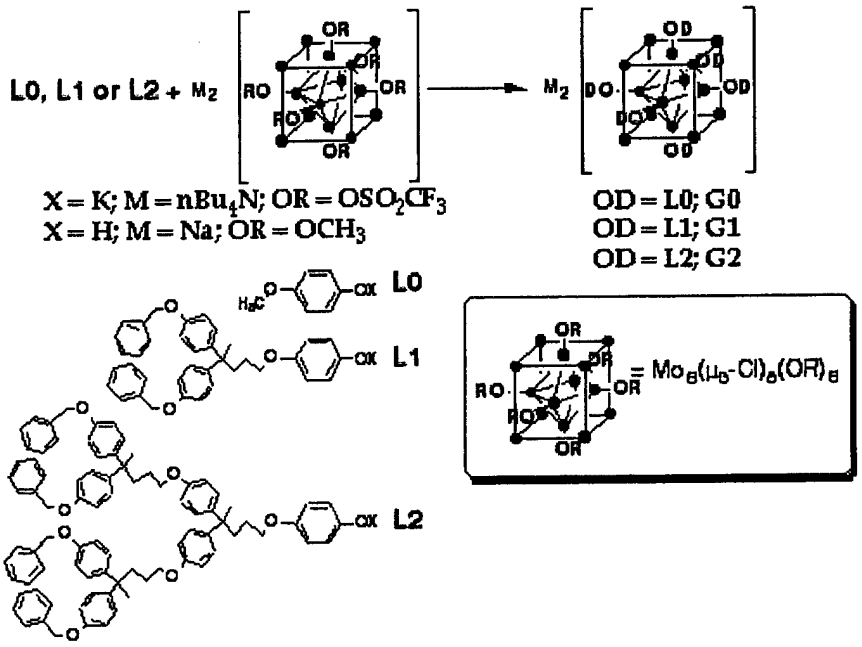
Abstract: Dendrons with focal phenoxide groups were shown to substitute for triflate or methoxide ligands around an Mo_6Cl_8 core to form molecules of the form $Mo_6(mu_3\text{-}Cl)_8(OR)_6$ where R = dendrons with zero through two hyperbranches, respectively. These molecules



represent a new type of metal cluster core dendrimer with six arms and high symmetry.



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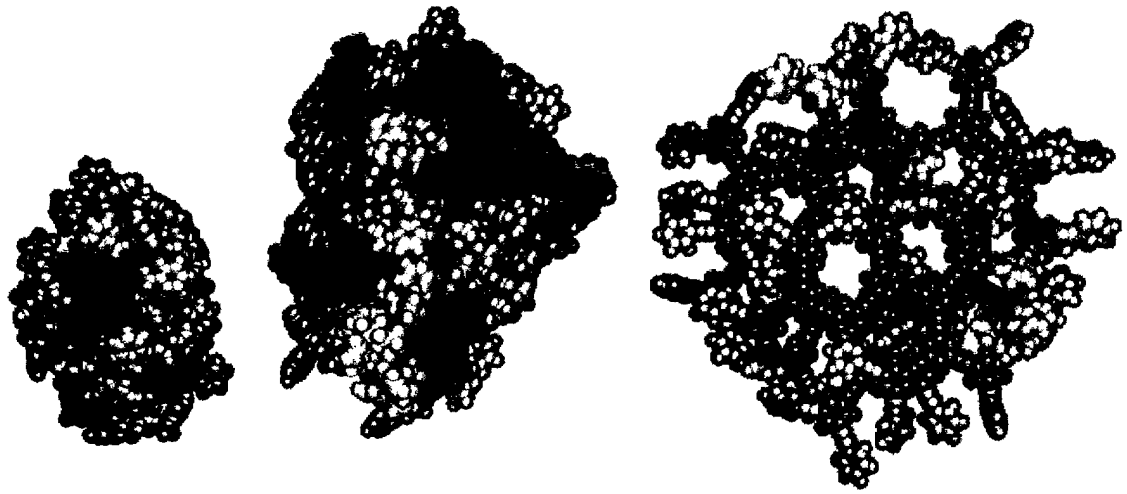
Abstract: The effect of repeat unit structure on the shape and internal organization of various dendrimers was probed using atomistic molecular dynamics simulations. In this technique, care was taken to ensure complete structural equilibration by implementing a high temperature dynamics/simulated annealing protocol prior to evaluation of the molecular structure and dynamics. Both flexible and stiff repeat units that have been employed previously in the synthesis of dendrimers were considered. Flexible-unit dendrimers were found to be globular but not completely spherical. In contrast, stiff-unit dendrimers had a more eccentric, disk-like shape. For all dendrimers, the different generations within each molecule were found to be radially distributed throughout its interior. This appearance could be attributed to back-folding of some of the repeat units in the flexible case and to a branching angle effect in the stiff case. This distribution, however, did not preclude a molecular surface composed of a substantial portion of the topologically terminal groups.



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5. "Metallodendrimers: Structural Diversity and Functional Behavior" Gorman, C. B. *Adv. Mater.*, **1998**, *10,* 295-309. (Refereed, Invited Review).

Abstract: Metallodendrimers are an increasingly represented class of molecules in the area of dendrimer chemistry. Metal coordination has facilitated the synthesis of a number of dendritic, supramolecular structures. Moreover, the use of metals in dendrimer structures has resulted in molecules with potentially useful physical properties. In the most interesting cases, these properties are not found in the metal-bearing sub-unit of the dendrimer nor in an analogous non-metallated dendrimer. In this review, a number of metallodendrimers are presented with two general goals. First, as this class of molecules has substantial structural diversity, an attempt has been made to illustrate the various structure types. Metals have been incorporated in all of the topologically different parts of dendrimers. Examples will be shown in which metals are employed in the repeat or branching unit, at the molecular core, and at the peripheral units of the dendrimer. Second, metallodendrimers have begun to find applications, and several of these are highlighted here. In a few cases, a functional demonstration has been performed. In a number of other cases, work has illustrated a potentially useful physical property in a metallodendrimer, and some suggestion can be made of a functional behavior. As there are a number of examples in this latter class, it seems fair to say that, from a materials science perspective, the area of metallodendrimers is young but emerging.

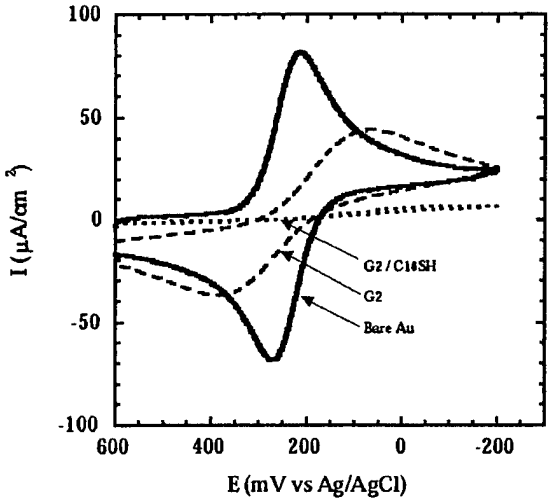
4. "Encapsulated Electroactive Molecules" Gorman, C. B. *Adv. Mater.*, **1997**, *9*, 1117-1119.

One application for dendrimers is the much-discussed molecular switch in which an electroactive moiety can be held alternatively in one of two binary states (corresponding to "on" and "off"). Any redox-active molecule is bistable in this regard and thus a candidate for a molecular switch. However, without encapsulation of some kind, facile electron transfer between closely spaced molecules or between molecules and a source for carrier injection can occur. This will result in the loss of stored information, particularly if the molecules are arranged in a closely spaced array such as would be desirable in an information storage (i.e. memory) demonstration. Thus, in this application, attenuation, or better, elimination of these electron transfer processes is necessary. Dendritic encapsulation is a potential molecule-based solution to this problem. The specific

question emerges, then, as to whether molecular structure-property relationships can be established that relate the structure and degree of branching in the dendrimer to the effectiveness or degree of electrical insulation (e.g. the degree of attenuation of the rate of electron transfer spoken in molecular terms).

3. "Semi-Permeable, Chemisorbed Adlayers of Focally-Substituted Organothiol Dendrons on Gold", Gorman, C. B.; Miller, R. L.; Chen, K.-Y.; Bishop, A. R.; Haasch, R. T.; Nuzzo, R. G., *Langmuir,* **1998**, *14*, 3312-3319.

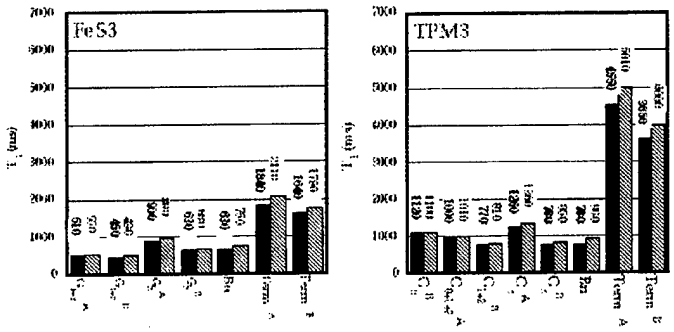
Abstract: A series of focally substituted organothiol dendrons of the first through third generation were used to construct adlayers on a gold surface. The presence and structural features of these adlayers were confirmed by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy and ellipsometry. The relative coverage and/or permeability of these adlayers was studied using capacitance and electrochemical blocking experiments. It was found that, as the number of hyperbranches in the dendron increased from one to three, the dendron adlayers became initially less and then more permeable. This result indicated a tradeoff between size and packing efficiency when using these molecules to cover a surface. These data also suggest that the dendrons have formed homogenous but permeable adlayers on the gold surface rather than adlayers consisting of islands of material. These adlayers showed large differences in their ability to trap and hold a small molecule, *trans*-cyclohexanediol, within them.



2. "Use of a Paramagnetic Core to Affect Longitudinal Nuclear Relaxation in Dendrimers — A Tool for Probing Dendrimer Conformation" Gorman, C. B.; Hager, M. W.; Parkhurst, B. L.; Smith, J. C. *Macromolecules,* **1998**, *31*, 815-822.

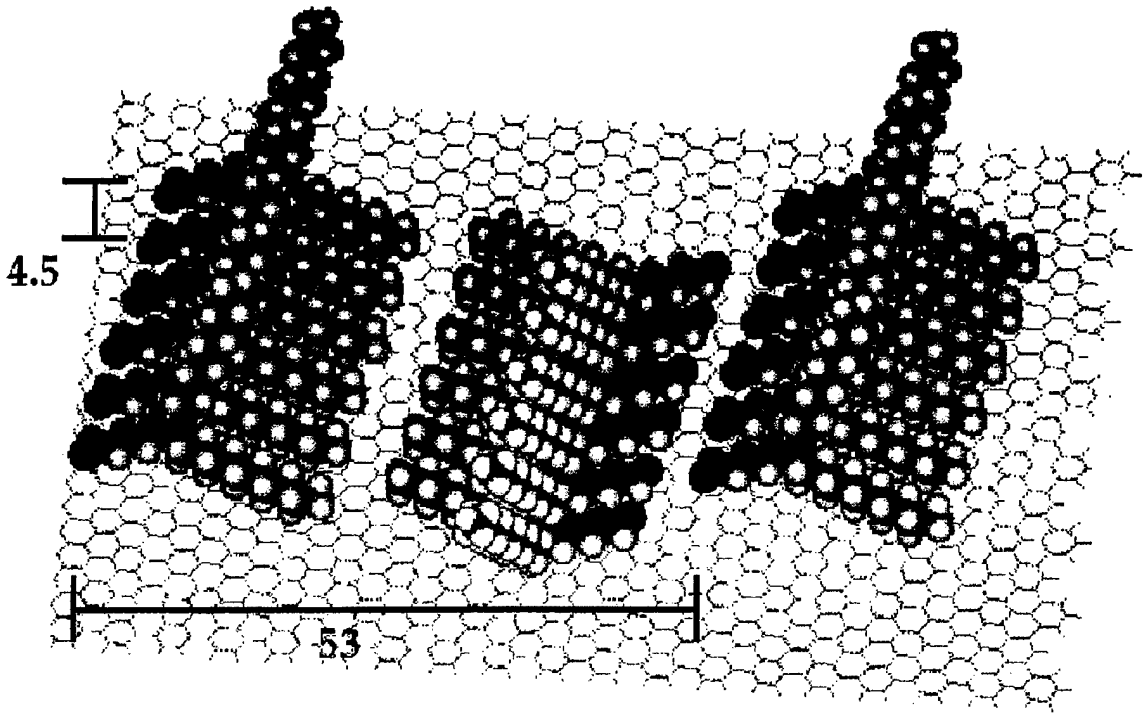
Abstract: The longitudinal relaxation time constants (T_1) of the protons in a series of dendrimers that alternatively had paramagnetic ($[Fe_4S_4(SR)_4]^{2-}$ R = dendron) and diamagnetic (tetraphenylmethane) cores were compared. The T_1 values of the phenyl and benzyl protons in

the paramagnetic core dendrimers were attenuated compared to analogous protons in the diamagnetic core dendrimers. This observation indicated that protons in each set of topologically different repeat units (generation) of the dendrimer approach the core of the molecule closely in space. This conclusion is consistent with the computed radial density distributions of the different generations calculated from molecular dynamics simulations. In addition, by comparing T_1 values of protons at two slightly different temperatures, the terminal groups in both sets of dendrimers were concluded to be, on average, more mobile than the other generations within the dendrimers. This conclusion is consistent with the computed mean square displacement correlation functions for the different generations also calculated from molecular dynamics simulations.



1. "Ordered Adlayers of a Non-Planar Molecule on a Surface: Misfit Monolayers and Intercalated Bilayers as the Result of a Dialkyl Amino Group", Gorman, C. B.; Miller, R. L., Touzov, I., *Langmuir*, **1998**, *14*, 3052-3061.

Abstract: Monolayer and bilayer structures of a nonplanar molecule, 5-(N,N-didecylamino)-2,4-pentadienal physisorbed onto highly oriented pyrolytic graphite have been characterized using several scanning probe techniques including scanning tunneling microscopy, and both contact and non-contact atomic force microscopy. These structures indicate several important components of this molecule in determining and enforcing an ordered packing motif that may be generalized to other supramolecular design schemes. In the monolayer structure, the geometry of the amino group enforces a motif in which part of the molecule lies upon the graphite surface and one of the alkyl chains extends away from the surface. This extended chain is a structure director for the formation of bilayer structures. The apparent thickness and stability of the bilayer structures are shown to be dependent on the presence of water or other admixtures, suggesting intercalation of small, polar molecules into this bilayer.



Final Report for the AFOSR-MURI Program

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Technical Report:

Under the financial support of this MURI program, my group has been able to make a range of innovative contributions to the general area of nanostructured materials:

• We have demonstrated a method based on self-assembly for the large-scale fabrication of 3D photonic bandgap crystals. In this method, monodispersed spherical colloids (50 nm-10 um in diameter) were organized into 3D lattices, which were further used as templates to generate highly ordered porous materials with well-controlled pore sizes and structures. Due to the long-ranged, 3D order associated with these periodic structures, they exhibited photonic bandgaps in the optical regime whose positions could be controlled by changing the size of spherical colloids.

• We have developed several vectorial models for calculating the photonic bandgap structure of a self-assembled 3D system, and for describing the quantum electrodynamic (QED) processes that involve interactions between photons and 3D photonic crystals (such as the Lamb shift and spontaneous emission of chromophores imbedded in 3D photonic crystals). Previous models used in this area were all essentially scalar in nature that had neglected the vectorial nature of photons. We have also tried to combine the experimental studies and computational simulation, in an effort to elucidate the dependence of photonic bandgap properties on a set of parameters such as the shape and/or symmetry of the building blocks; the structural type of the periodic lattices; the contrast in refractive index between the high and low dielectric regions; and the lattice constant. The ultimate goal

is to accomplish a deep understanding on the structure-property relationship that can be used to guide the future design and synthesis of photonic crystals with pre-specified properties.

• My group has also demonstrated a few new approaches to the fabrication of nanostructures and synthesis of nanomaterials. The major goal of this work is to build a technology base for the large-scale production of nanostructures with well-controlled dimensions, well-defined shapes, and desired properties. For instance, my group has demonstrated a simple method based on soft lithography for high-volume production of nanostructures (e.g., wires, rods, and rings) of single crystalline silicon. My group has also demonstrated a solution-phase method based on controlled nucleation/growth for large-scale synthesis of well-defined nanowires of selenium, whose lateral dimensions could be varied in the range of 10-30 nm. At present, we are exploring the chemical and physical properties of these nanostructures, as well as their utilization in device fabrication.

This project has partially supported a number of postdoctors and graduate students over the past three years: post-doctors (Drs. S. H. Park, I. T. Kim, Z. Y. Zhong, M. Dreja, and Z. Y. Li); graduate students (B. Gates, Y. Yin, Y. Lu, and B. Mayers). We have published more than 25 scientific papers in refereed journals (including two invited review articles). There were also 3-4 undergraduate students involved in this project.

Awards and Honors:

Fellow in Science and Engineering, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 2000-2005
Sloan Research Fellow, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, 2000-2002
Faculty Early Career Development Award, the National Science Foundation, 2000-2004
Victor K. LaMer Award, the American Chemical Society, 1999
New Faculty Award, the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, 1997-2002

Awards received by graduate students working on this project: Byron Gates won two silver awards from the Materials Research Society (1999 and 2000); Yadong won one silver award from the Materials Research Society (2000)

List of Publications:

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Twelve major publications were obtained under the MURI support. The work accomplished allowed us to achieve three major goals:

1. Design, synthesis and processing of multibranched structures, nanoparticles and nanocomposites with multifunctionality
2. Study of linear and nonlinear optical processes at nanoscopic level
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Technical Report:

Polymer nanospheres based on polystyrene and poymethylmethacrylates have attracted considerable attention in the field of immunology, combinatorial chemistry, protein supports, drug delivery, etc.[1] New uses in materials area such as magnets, polymer conductors, photonic band gap crystals, etc. are also being explored.[2] Although polymer nanospheres in the range 10 nm to 2 μM have been synthesized and studied, convenient methods for their surface functionalization and size control were still lacking. The method of choice for the preparation of polymer nanospheres is by emulsifier free emulsion polymerization of suitable monomers under aqueous conditions using radical initiators and cross-linking agents. With the MURI program, for the past five years, we have explored such techniques for the preparation of polymer nanospheres ranging from 160 nm to 1 μM using new monomers and conditions.

Initially, we fabricated monodispersed polystyrene nanospheres at the submicron diameter level (160 nm to 800 nm). The nanobeads in the 160-280 nm diameter levels when dispersed as thin films exhibit interesting refractive properties with light (exhibiting blue, green, red and violet colors). The color can be correlated to the diameter of the nanobead. Increase in size in the range led to a bathochromic shift. We have also functionalized the surface of the bead by a variety of functional groups such as –OH, NH_2, Br, Cl, -COOH and –SH by straight-forward aromatic functionalization techniques.

One of the problems of functionalizing pre-fabricated polystyrene nanospheres is that the chemistry for surface functionalization does not work very efficiently and surface coverage density is minimal. However, use of prefunctionalized monomer to fabricate the functionalized nanosphere is not economical and also the emulsifier free emulsion polymerization reaction may not work efficiently with functionalized monomers. To solve this problem, we have used the cross-linked polystyrene as the prefabricated bead (of required dimension) and the material was grafted with low concentration of the functionalized monomer (core shell approach). This approach is not only economical but also leads to surface functionalized nanospheres with diverse functional groups. With the new grafting technique we have coated the surface of a prefabricated polystyrene nanobead with a *para*-substituted styrene resulting in functionalized nanospheres. The *para*-hydroxystyrene grafted beads were used to complex silver and ruthenium nanoparticles.[3] Such functionalized polymer monodispersed nanobeads of varying sizes can be potentially used to fabricate photonic band gap materials for chemical sensors, wavelength modulators for optical communications, for some demonstration of unique energy transfer as well as standing wave phenomenon.

In collaboration with Professor Mark. E. Thompson, several different methods were also developed for the uniform coating of polystyrene beads with Pd, Pt and Au nanoparticles. These metal-derivatized spheres were also prepared with electroactive viologen groups. The metal immobilized spheres are further linked to 4-mercaptobutylphosphonic acid and subequently several multi-layers of ZrPV(Cl) (zirconium and N,N'-dialkyl-4,4"-bipyridinium chloride) were deposited by alternating Zr^{4+} and PV(Cl). Such multilayer bead system can be used as micro/nano reactors for the production of hydrogen peroxide from hydrogen and oxygen.[4]

Polymerization of both 2-vinyl and 4-vinylpyridines have resulted in nanospheres in the range of 500 nm. Pyridine nitrogens on the bead surface are excellent Lewis base donor sites and has been used to fabricate palladium coated nanospheres.[5] Such palladium coated nano-beads have also been used as catalysts for Suzuki and related oxidative coupling reactions.[4] The Pd coated beads exhibit significant thermal stability.

We have also developed $-CF_2SO_3H$ group attached polystyrene nanospheres resulting in superacidic nanospheres.[6] Such nanospheres have potential use as alkylation and isomerization catalysts.

The above described methodologies have led to mondispersed organic nanospheres whose surface properties can be suitably modified (hydrophobic, hydrophilic, cationically or anionically charged, metal coated, etc.). Such diverse beads can be utilized to complex specific proteins of varying nature. Our preliminary studies have shown that such protein bound nanobead can be directly used in a MALDITOF spectrometer and the mass spectrum of the attached protein can be obtained. A new collaborative venture with this new aspect has been established with Professor S. Rasheed at the USC School of Medicine.

An unexpected reaction of methyl benzoates with chlorotrimethylsilanes in the presence of magnesium led to the preparation of (3-oxo-3-phenyl)propylvinylsilanes. Such monomers can be used to make interesting polymeric architectures.[7]

A new methodology for the preparation of trifluoromethyl ketones from esters was also developed. The trifluoroacetyl group is a highly electron withdrawing moiety imparting novel electronic and optical properties to chromophores.[8]

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